

## DR. JOHNSTON MAY GO TO UNIVERSITY

Currently Reported that Friends are Urging Him for Professor

### VISITORS MEET THIS AFTERNOON

Certain That Matters Relating to Medical Department Will Be Under Discussion and That Dr. Johnston Has Been Invited to Be Present. May Consolidate.

The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia will meet in executive session at the University this afternoon at 2 o'clock to consider important matters.

It is understood that the question of greatest importance to be considered relates to the medical department of the University, and Dr. George Ben Johnston, the eminent surgeon of this city, on account of his well-known affection for the University and interest in all its affairs, has been invited to sit with the board to-day while this matter is under discussion.

It is even currently reported in Richmond that warm friends of the University, who are also friends of Dr. Johnston, are trying to bring about a closer connection between the surgeon and the institution. Many prominent people all over the State have frequently expressed the earnest hope of seeing Dr. Johnston at the head of the School of Surgery in the University.

Alderman Will Not Talk.

Following is a special telegram received from the Charlottesville correspondent last night:

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., October 5.—The board of visitors of the University of Virginia will assemble to-morrow at 2 o'clock, the chief business, it is understood, being the election of the successor to Dr. A. H. Buckmaster, professor of gynecology and surgery, whose resignation of his chair was accepted by the visitors last June, to take effect November 15th. For some time the name of Dr. George Ben Johnston, of the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, has been spoken of in connection with the professorship of surgery in the University, and to-night it seems certain that Dr. Johnston will be considered by the board, although President Alderman would not confirm the rumor or deny it.

### Submit Proposition.

It is known that a committee representing the Medical College of Virginia will submit to the visitors here to-morrow a proposition to consolidate the medical department of the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia, under an arrangement by which the first, second, and probably the third year of the course would be taken here, and the fourth in Richmond. This much can be stated with certainty, but whether Dr. Johnston's acceptance of a chair at the University of Virginia will occur, will depend on the accomplishment of the proposed amalgamation or even with it, no one here in a position to know, will say.

### Not This Session.

The proposed consolidation is not a new thought. It was suggested as a possibility several years ago, though probably not formally considered. The argument at that time was that with the graduating class in a city, more money could be procured for endowment, since the clinical advantage would appear to be better. Since then the University has built and equipped the hospital. Whatever may be done it seems certain that Dr. Buckmaster will be induced to continue the work of his chair for the rest of the current session. The consolidation if determined on, could not be accomplished in the midst of the session.

## DIVORCED GRAND DUCHESS MARRIES RUSSIAN DUKE

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, October 5.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from Munich, which announced that the divorced Grand Duchess Victoria, of Hesse, and the Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, were married there quietly several days ago at the Hotel de Russie.

The civil ceremony was performed by an official of the Czar's government, and the religious rite by a Russian priest in the presence of the bride's mother, the Duchess Marie of Coburg, sister of the Dowager Empress of Russia, the Grand Duke Alexis and Duke of Leuchtenburg. The greatest privacy was observed, and after the ceremony all the persons concerned immediately left Munich.

## JAMES HAZEN HYDE HAS OFFERED TO COMPROMISE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, October 5.—In lieu of an appearance in person, James Hazen Hyde, through his counsel, offered to-day to the Legislative Insurance Committee his testimony given before Superintendent Frank P. Hendricks.

Judging from Mr. Hyde's letter, it seems improbable that Mr. Hyde's new offer will be accepted.

## STEAMER ST. PAUL ASHORE: PASSENGERS LAND SAFELY

(By Associated Press.)

BUREKA, CAL., October 5.—The steamer St. Paul, bound from San Francisco to Portland, Ore., went ashore this morning at Punta Gorda, a short distance south of the entrance to this harbor during a dense fog. She had twenty-five passengers on board, all of whom were safely landed on the beach. The vessel, which was laden with a cargo of general merchandise, will probably be a total loss.

### Death Rate of Negroes.

That negro mortality is greater in the Southern States than that of the whites is shown by the census of 1900. In the city of Washington the number of deaths for every 1,000 of population was, white, 30.1; colored, 31.3; in Philadelphia, white, 25.1; colored, 31.3; in New York, white, 27.7; colored, 32.5.—Nashville Banner.



DR. GEORGE BEN JOHNSTON.  
Currently Reported That This Eminent Surgeon May Become Head of School of Surgery at University of Virginia.

## WAS FORMED TO STUDY OWNERSHIP

Melville E. Ingalls is Chosen Head of the Commission.

Mr. Ingalls Says There is Now a Great Pressure for Municipal Ownership.

NEW YORK, October 5.—Melville E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, president of the board of directors of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, to-day was chosen to head the commission of the National Civic Federation which has undertaken a study of the municipal ownership problem, as it appears both in this country and abroad. The commission met in this city to-day, the first session being presided over by Samuel Gompers, Mr. Gompers called attention to the workman's attitude on some phases of municipal ownership, saying:

"Municipal ownership for street railways in its present state of affairs is a success, one showing that it is inconsistent with the aims of the working people, and so it is a question that must be considered at great length."

### Give All Facts.

Mr. Ingalls presided over the afternoon session, and after formally accepting his place as head of the commission, said:

"A tremendous pressure for municipal ownership is abroad, and it is our duty to the public to give them all the facts we can get together. You read both sides in the public press, one showing that it is a success, while the other records a failure. What is good for one country is not good for another. The great fault we are liable to fall into is to try to do too much. We want to study gas plants, electric lighting plants, especially water plants. I consider this investigation a public duty, and if we put the facts before the American will give them a history of to-day and we will do a greater work for our country than ever was performed by any statesman."

In addition to Mr. Ingalls, as president, the other officers of the commission chosen to-day are: First Vice-President, John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, president of the United Mine Workers; Second Vice-President, John G. Argue, of New York, president of the Reform Club; Secretary, Edward A. Moffett, of New York, editor of the Bricklayer and Mason.

### Prominent Members.

The committee on investigation also includes: Talcott Williams, Philadelphia; W. D. Mahon, Detroit; Frank J. Goodnow, New York; Walter Clark, Philadelphia; Dr. Albert Shaw, New York; Edward W. Bemis, Cleveland; John M. Gray, Gray, Chicago; Walter L. Fisher, Chicago; Walter L. Fisher, Chicago; Timothy Henley, New York; William J. Clark.

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## NORTH ATLANTIC FLEET TO HONOR PRESIDENT

Will Sail for New Orleans to Greet Him On His Arrival There.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT, R. I., October 5.—Rear Admiral William H. Brownson, commanding the fourth division of the North Atlantic fleet, has ordered the vessels of his squadron to assemble here for drilling purpose and after the maneuvers the squadron will steam southward to arrive at New Orleans in time to participate in the celebration to be held there in honor of the visit of President Roosevelt.

### Yellow Fever in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, October 5.—Several cases of yellow fever have appeared at Tuxtepec, State of Oaxaca. Precautions have been taken to prevent a spread. There are two cases at Vera Cruz, and five cases, with two deaths at Tzucunap.

## RAMSEY OUSTED BY GEORGE GOULD

He Is Removed From the Presidency of the Washab Railroad.

SAYS THE ACTION IS ILLEGAL: Claims That the Meeting at Which He Was Removed Not Properly Called.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, October 5.—Joseph Ramsey, Jr., was to-day removed from the presidency of the Washab Railroad Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held in this city. F. A. Delano was elected as his successor. Eight directors, including Mr. Ramsey, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Ramsey has been engaged in a contest with Mr. Gould for the control of the road. Mr. Ramsey, after the meeting, said his removal was entirely illegal for the reason that the meeting had not been properly called. He made a protest before the board, saying that the by-laws required five days' notice for a meeting of the board, and that the notices for this meeting were mailed only Wednesday night.

His protest was overruled, however. President Delano took charge of his office at once. "Mr. Ramsey and I have always been friends hitherto in the railroad business," said he, "and I did not want to come into this controversy in any way. As to Mr. Ramsey's charge about the illegality of the meeting, I can say nothing. I am not a lawyer. But there were several good lawyers on the board at the meeting, and I presume that they would not attempt anything illegal. It was the general understanding that this was an adjourned meeting."

### Seek An Injunction.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, October 5.—When shown the dispatch from New York, Mr. F. W. Lehmann, an attorney representing Mr. Ramsey, came into the city to-day to file for a writ of temporary injunction against the holding of a meeting in Toledo, Ohio, to-day, said to the Associated Press: "All I have to say at this time is that they would not attempt anything illegal. It was the general understanding that this was an adjourned meeting."

## MAY INVESTIGATE THE ROYAL ARCANUM ALSO

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, October 5.—In response to a letter of inquiry from a member of the Royal Arcanum, Senator Armstrong, chairman of the Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee, wrote to-day that "we intend to devote time to fraternal insurance before we finish our labors."

## TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO NAME OF LEE

Memorial Services By Daughters of the Confederacy in San Francisco.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, October 5.—A portion of to-day's session of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was devoted to memorial services.

Tribute was paid to Milledge Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, General Fitzhugh Lee, John H. Reagan, and the late United States Senator Wm. B. Bate. The business part of the session was devoted to the reception of chapter reports. A reception was given this afternoon by Jefferson Davis Chapter to the visiting delegates.

### Packers to Plead Guilty.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 5.—The packers, whose recent attempt to abate the indictment found against them charging conspiracy to monopolize the meat industry of the country, ended in failure, will on Monday next enter pleas of not guilty before Judge Humphrey.

## IS MENACED BY A GREAT DANGER

The Dishonesty In High Places Threatens Future Of Country

### BANK PRESIDENT'S STARTLING SPEECH

J. Edward Simmons, of New York, Sounds a Note of Warning—Toleration of the Term "Grafters" Is Deplored by Him.

(By Associated Press.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., October 5.—Dishonesty in high places in the State, the judiciary and great financial institutions and corporations, and palliation of such acts by the masses gravely threaten the future of the country according to views expressed to-day by J. Edward Simmons, president of the Fourth National Bank of New York, in an address before the Maryland Bankers' Association. He pointed to the lessons taught by the fall of the ancient Roman republic, the reign of terror in France and the disasters which befell Russia's arms in the recent conflict in the Far East, all of which, he said, were due to palliated dishonesty.

"I hear voices from the East and voices from the West," said he, "ill-boding voices, voices from the pulpit and the divine, voices from the college and the educator, voices from the bench and the bar, voices from the press and its sages, the voice of the President himself, denouncing in ringing tones and deploring the universal spread of selfishness in its meanest and most repulsive form—the form of dishonesty. The befall one universal carnival of dishonesty. Alas, these voices are not unconfined."

He deplored the conditions which have led men to tolerate the terms "grafters" and "grafting," and he said he feared the very use of the words was an indication of men's tolerance of a thief and his trade. He called upon the members of the association to give their assistance in remedying a condition which makes it possible "for men who pose as the salt of the earth and who condemn without reserve, those who steal fifty dollars or forge a check for a hundred dollars, or accept a bribe, to themselves make millions by lying, by misrepresentation, by fraud, and by bribery," without receiving punishment or even criticism, while the man who steals the paltry sum is sent to jail. He denounced the man of stainless private life who, "in the interest of the company, of the trust, of the gas company, of the railroad company, of the insurance company," have recourse to every villainy damned in the Decalogue, who does the deed of a highwayman with the air of a saint."

### Corporation Dangers.

Mr. Simmons said that the workings and dangers of great corporations and multi-millionaire enterprises have not been and are not as fully understood as their advantages. He believed that their dark side should be investigated and set out as lucidly and forcibly as the bright side. He referred to the growth of the presidential elections as due largely to the fact, he said, that the masses see great fortunes accumulated by dishonest means and when so accumulated combined to smother individual enterprise. He believed, however, that the situation was not without hope, as the very fact that the country has awakened to the conditions, and that fearless and able men are organizing and leading a campaign against dishonesty are grounds for hope that a far-reaching remedial process has already begun.

## 21 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 21 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

6 Trades, 1 Domestic, 3 Office, 2 Salesmen, 9 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## BUREAU OF INFORMATION

For the benefit of our thousands of readers and their friends who will attend the

### HORSE SHOW

OCTOBER 10TH TO 14TH, and

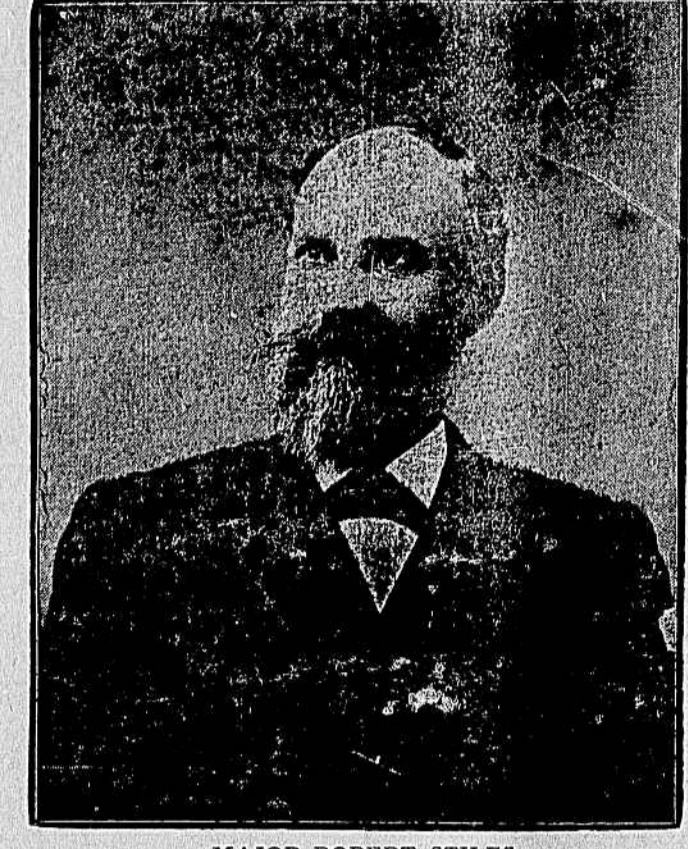
### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RECEPTION,

OCTOBER 18TH,

we have opened a bureau of information in the business office, 916 E. Main Street. Call and ask questions. Send your packages in care of us. Have your mail sent in care of us. Get your friends to meet you in our office.

### TIMES-DISPATCH,

916 E. Main Street.



MAJOR ROBERT STILES.  
The Distinguished Lawyer and Brave Confederate Soldier, Who Died Yesterday.

## STUDENTS HOLD GREAT MEETING

President McGuire Presides for First Time Since Election.

Warmly Commends It and Speaks Tenderly of Dr. Hunter McGuire.

A splendid meeting of the students of the University College of Medicine was held last night, when prominent men spoke and Dr. Stuart McGuire presided publicly for the first time since his election as president of the institution.

Surely the array of embryo doctors, initiated into one of the noblest of professions, was an inspiring sight to those who looked on, listened and wondered. These men, who are to go forth and war against the ills of the physical being, who will battle to the last against germs, bacteria and all the things arrayed against the struggle of man to live, who, in a way, have come to this college to search for the golden elixir of life, the charm for which the old-time chemists sought so long and unavailingly, are those sons of science to whom all may one day turn with a light appeal for relief.

Last night there were tears upon the faces of earnest faces that looked down on the speakers of the evening. Hardly one, if any, could have been absent, so absorbed were all in the coming event of the mass-meeting of the students.

### Made Bright Talk.

Dr. Stuart McGuire, the president of the institution, presided, and made the initial address. He said in part:

"This is the first public appearance in my new position, and I never realized more keenly than to-night my lack of capacity to fulfill its duties. The honor was unsought and undesired, but the responsibility assumed, the duty of the position will be performed to the best of my ability."

The speaker then related an incident that occurred recently in the Virginia Hospital, when Mr. Miller, proctor, after having talked with a prospective student for two hours and left him unconvinced that the University College was the best one to attend, and at last called upon Dr. McGuire for assistance. Dr. McGuire responded with his words of advice. Said the young man, "You are the president's son, aren't you?"

"Yes," said the doctor. "Well," the boy answered, "I want to see the old man." Dr. McGuire beat an ignominious retreat.

"I am president," continued the speaker, "because I am the president's son. When Dr. J. Allison Hodges, after five years of ardent, faithful and successful service, saw fit to lay down this work, the faculty called on me because

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## BANK PRESIDENT IS UNDER ARREST

Peoria's Most Trusted Citizen, Who Is Short Scores of Thousands.

### MR. BRYAN ON HONOR SYSTEM

Has Been City School Superintendent a Quarter of a Century.

(By Associated Press.)

PEORIA, ILL., October 5.—Prof. Newton C. Dougherty, superintendent of city schools of Peoria for more than twenty years, president of the Peoria National Bank and capitalist, was to-day arrested on two true bills returned by the grand jury, charged with forgery and embezzlement. The arrest followed an investigation by the grand jury of charges brought against Professor Dougherty that the accounts of the school fund which were deposited in the bank of which he was president, were being manipulated. The investigation resulted in the discovery that there was a shortage of at least \$50,000. The investigation covered only the period from January 1903. The grand jury will, now, it is stated, investigate the entire record of Professor Dougherty as superintendent of schools and it is believed that a much greater shortage will be found.

Professor Dougherty was first arrested on a charge of forgery, the specific charge being that he had forged a voucher for \$161.50 for coal. He promptly furnished \$3,000 bail. The indictment and arrest on the charge of embezzlement followed this afternoon and on this charge Professor Dougherty furnished \$3,000 bail.

Following his arrest on the charge of forgery, Professor Dougherty sent his resignation as president and director of the Peoria National Bank. He also sent in his resignation as superintendent of schools.

Professor Dougherty's arrest created a sensation. He had been reputed a wealthy man, and owned much real estate, including considerable western lands, and is interested in a number of commercial and financial institutions besides the Peoria National Bank.

## NO DEMONSTRATION WHEN TREATY REACHED JAPAN

(By Associated Press.)

TOKYO, October 5, 4:30 P. M.—M. Yamana, Director of Political Affairs of the Japanese Foreign Office, and H. W. Denison, the adviser of the Japanese Foreign Office, arrived at Yokohama to-day on board the steamer Dakota, from Seattle, September 20th, bringing the peace treaty signed at Portsmouth September 5th, and left immediately for Tokyo. They arrived here this evening, but found few people to meet them at the railroad station owing to the strict examination made of all persons by the military and police who guarded the station.

## OPERATION PERFORMED ON AUGUST BELMONT

The Banker Rallied, and His Speedy Recovery Is Looked For.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, October 5.—August Belmont was to-day operated upon because of a fall in a polo game in Saratoga two years ago. The operation was performed at the Memorial Hospital, and was entirely successful.

It was a few minutes after 12 o'clock when Mr. Belmont came from under the effect of the ether. He rallied quickly, and, unless unexpected complications appear, there is absolutely no danger. His brother, Perry Belmont, and his son, August Belmont, Jr., were present.

### Monk Gibson Gone.

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 5.—Reports from Edna, Texas, to-day indicate that Monk Gibson has made his escape and no trace of the negro has been reported since Sunday. The town is quiet.

## HE WILL INFORM THE GRAND JURY

Jerome to Act in the New York Insurance Scandal.

### IMMENSE SUMS PAID RELATIVES

More Than Two Millions to Members of Family of General Manager McCurdy, of the Mutual Life Division of the States.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, October 5.—District Attorney William T. Jerome announced in a statement to Justice Davy in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court to-day that he intended to present to the extraordinary grand jury the revelations affecting the conduct of life insurance business which have been made before the legislative investigation committee.

Mr. Jerome said the inquiry by this committee has shown greater moral obliquity and moral obtuseness on the part of persons important in the business world than did the shocking revelations in regard to the Equitable Life.

He said there was public excitement and a sense of outrage at what had been done, and that it would undoubtedly meet with general commendation if he were to select certain individual transactions and place them before the grand jury at once. However, he regarded it as his duty to wait until the investigating committee had completed its work, and then to ask for an extraordinary grand jury and lay before it the matter disclosed by his own investigation of the situation, as well as that of others. He said he intended to do.

### Millions in Commissions.

That the astounding total of more than \$2,400,000 has been paid in commissions by the Mutual Life Insurance Company to two members of the family of Richard A. McCurdy, and the promise of District Attorney Jerome that the insurance scandal certainly will be submitted later to an extraordinary grand jury, were the sensational developments in the insurance situation to-day.

It was brought out by testimony before the Legislative Insurance Committee that Robert H. McCurdy, a son of Richard A. McCurdy, has received as commissions on foreign business \$1,163,330, and on domestic business \$641,852, and that Louis A. McCurdy, son-in-law of Richard A. McCurdy, has received an aggregate of \$920,112 in commissions from the company. It was also brought out that Robert H. McCurdy expected his income this year would be about \$110,000.

Previous to this testimony, W. F. Thummel, an attorney of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, testified that he had paid to the chairman of the Republican Congressional Organization Committee the sum of \$2,500 in cash as a campaign contribution.

### Legislation Necessary.

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting to-day adopted a resolution declaring that, added to the legislation necessary for the proper regulation of life insurance companies.

W. F. Thummel, the attorney who was associated with Judge Andrew Hamilton in looking after legislation for the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the Mutual Life Insurance Companies in the so-called legislative pool that was exposed last week, testified before the committee that he was now employed as an attorney for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and that he received a salary of \$7,000 a year. Mr. Thummel said that he personally placed in the hands of the chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee \$2,500 in cash which had been given him for that purpose by the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Witness said the contribution had been suggested by the danger of a Democratic House, and that it was necessary for other legislation of a character to upset business and affect policy holders. He said other companies had been asked to contribute, but he did not know how many did. Mr. Thummel denied paying any money, and any indication of the purpose of influencing legislation or to any other person for that purpose. He described the legislative pool and said the expenses were met by the company looking after the territory. The expenses were incurred and later an adjustment of these expenses was made by the three companies. He had received money from the New York Life in these adjustments, but kept no account of his disbursements. He said the Mutual Life had paid out in 1904 about \$15,000 for legislative work.

### Division of Territory.

In reply to a question as to the division of legal expenses among the New York Life Insurance Company, the Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Mr. Thummel said:

"The Mutual Life has Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico. The Equitable attends to Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, Arkansas, California, Nevada. Tennessee and Oklahoma. The rest of the territory is open."

It was this, that would result in a scriffling of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, which would result in a necessary for the proper regulation of life insurance companies. He said the Mutual Life had paid out in 1904 about \$15,000 for legislative work.